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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Members, if I could have your attention, today is a special day for one of your Pages. Today is Tara Buss's birthday. Tara, if you would stand, we'd like to recognize and wish you a happy birthday. Did you stand, Tara? She did not stand? Well, we could stop the whole machinery of government here if you don't...don't stand. Happy birthday. Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, members of the body, I would very much appreciate having this bill advanced to Select File so that we can work out some of the concerns that have been expressed. I think some of them can be addressed and will be addressed if we get a little bit of time here. I don't know who suggested that we were moving through the agenda so quickly we scarcely knew what we were doing. I'm glad that we've had a little pause this morning so that we can figure out what we're doing. I just hope that we figure it out in my favor (laugh) and that we...and that we advance this bill, even though I'm going to suggest to you and admit to you and pledge to you that on Select File we will propose changes to this bill. Senator Bromm's suggestion that we continue to provide the en gros information doesn't bother me at all. We already prepare that, publish it, send it to the counties. If somebody wants that, that's no trouble to continue that program and, in fact, part of the information would have to be done anyway so you could make the calculations that are called for by LB 124. So it would be a necessary part of the process. I would...I would tell you that if I find out that we can't accomplish what we want at a reasonable cost and if the state can't do the calculations you won't see this bill again.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. The question is, shall LB 124 be advanced to E & R Initial? Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Voting on the advancement of LB 124. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 124 is not advanced. Mr. Clerk.